Jonnagiri schist belt, Kurnool district established auriferous mineralisation over a strike length of 700 m.

National Mineral policy

2205. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Mineral Policy for non-fuel and non-atomic minerals has been formulated by Government recently;

(b) if so, what are its main objectives;

(c) whether value-added exports will be given preference over raw-material exports; and

(d) whether Government would consider giving priority to actual users of minerals while leasing out the mines to ensure a proper linkage between mining, processing, and production of end-products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main objectives of the Mineral Policy are as follows:—

(i) to explore for identification of mineral wealth in the land and in off-shore areas;

(ii) to develop mineral resources taking into account the national and strategic considerations and to ensure their aeequate supply and best use keeping in view the present needs and future requirements;

(iii) to promote necessary linkages for smooth and uninterrupted development of the mineral industry to meat the needs of the country;

(iv) to promote research and development in minerals;

(v) to ensure establishment of appropriate educational and training facilities for human resources development to meet the manpower requirements of the mineral indnstry;

(vi) to minimise adverse effects of mineral development on the forest, environment and ecology through appropriate protective measures; and

(vii) ti ensure conduct of mining operations with due regard to safety and health of all concerned:

(c) Endeavour is to encourage export of value-added items as far as possible:

(d) The Mineral Policy aims to ensured that mineral processing units should not only get an assured supply of raw-material but should also have close links with the production and marketing agencies of the mineral based products:

Selection of General Manager in NMDCL, Hyderabad

2206. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received series of complaints against selection of General Manager in National Mineral Development Corporation Limited, Hyderabad;

(b) whehter recruitment rules were not followed by the company;

(c) whether Government would intervene into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?